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Dear Harold;

Sorry I missed you last week but I did have a nice chat with Lil. I hope that your symposium at Wisconsin was well attended and productive. From your letters it seems you are in the thick of the new committees floundering. I just hope they listen to you.

Yesterday I ran into an old friend of mine who I hadn't seen in many years. He had been close to JFK when he was in the Whitehouse. I spoke to him about the murder and what he knew. One thin he told me was that he was at the Whitehouse the day after the killing and talked to Admiral Burkley. He asked Burkley if they were going to have an open casket and was told no. He asked if was because of the condition and was assured that was not the reason and that the head and face were in very presentable condition as the head wound being on the rear would not be seen and that "the eight stitches that were taken in the scalp would be covered by the hair." My friend indicated on his own head that the front wound would be about two inches toward the rear of the front hairline and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 inches to the right of the midline of the skull. This from Burkley whom he also knew well. If you want me to question him more or if this is something you hadn't known about please let me know.



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He told me other things about Jackie and Robt. during the period immediatley after the murder but this seemed to me to be of the most importance if not known before.

I am supposed to meet with Wexler this week if we both can arrange our schedules. Also, I am going to try and get in touch with Irving Wallace and see if I can get him interesteed in your work. He has written a very interestin book "The ~~ARMED~~ R Document." This is about the FBI trying to take over the country.

Am encloseing Penn Jones latest and a thing about Fensterwald.

Hope you and Jim all the best. I almost forgot, Wexler thinks he might know someone who might be interesteed in helping fund the xeroxing of the MLK files. (I hope its not another maybe).

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Best Always,

